



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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RAPID REHAB WEEKEND WORK STARTS ON I-15/I-215 NEAR DEVORE/CAJON PASS

San Bernardino County – Caltrans is moving forward with the weekend work planned for the month of October 2006 on the I-15 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The accelerated weekend work is targeting five (5) consecutive weekends in October starting September 29. Work will be focused on the connector ramps at the I-15/I-215 interchange. Motorists will be able to get through the interchange using the detour routes however, significant delays are anticipated.

Originally, the project called for up to nine separate weekends of 'Rapid Rehab' weekend work over the next year and a half. The contractor, Coffman Specialties, Inc. (based in San Diego), has proposed to complete the weekend work in four (4) weekends over the month of October. Deputy District Director of Construction Hector Davila stated, "This is an incredible amount of work to accomplish that could allow us to finish the project six months earlier than expected. This is an aggressive schedule that means the contractor could earn a bonus and the motorists have less inconvenience." Nighttime work began on August 14, 2006 with lane closures taking place seven days a week.

The 55-hour weekend work includes connector and lane closures. On Fridays, northbound I-15 work will begin at 11p.m. to allow for outgoing traffic destined to Nevada, Arizona, the High Desert, and other points beyond. Northbound I-15 work will end at 5:00 a.m. on Mondays. On Fridays, southbound I-15 work will begin at 9:00 a.m. Work will stop on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. to accommodate the southbound I-15 peak traffic.

Detours are available and commuters are advised to allow extra travel time. Caltrans urges motorists and truckers to use alternate routes to avoid substantial delays. Out-of-state travelers are urged to go early (Thursday) and stay late (Monday) or fly, if possible. Detailed information regarding detours and alternate routes are available on our website at www.caltrans8.info or call the toll free number at (866) 383-4631.

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Thousands of brochures will be distributed throughout September with detailed maps of the closures and detours. The closures have been identified by the letters A through G on the website and project brochure. The closure schedule and detour information will be broadcast through a variety of media outlets referencing the closure letter.

Rapid Rehab Tentative Weekend Schedule

Sept. 29 – Oct. 1	Closure A	Southbound I-15 Kenwood Ave. ramps closed & southbound I-15 outside lanes closed
Oct. 6-9	Closure B & C	Southbound I-15 Kenwood ramps & southbound I-15 connector closed to southbound I-15 & northbound 215 to southbound 15 connector
Oct. 13 – 15	Closure D	Southbound I-15 connector closed to southbound I-215
Oct. 20 – 22	Closure E	Northbound I-215 connector closed to northbound I-15
Oct. 27 – 29	Closure F	Northbound I-15 connector closed to northbound I-15 & northbound I-15 Kenwood Ave. off ramp closed
Weeknight closures (to be determined)	Closure G	Northbound I-15 connector closed to southbound I-215

The proposed October work schedule could change for reasons beyond our control such as inclement weather or operational issues. A lot of work must be done before the weekend work begins, so motorists are encouraged to plan ahead. Visit the Caltrans website at www.caltrans8.info to confirm closure schedule and detour information and listen to traffic reporter broadcasts for new updates. ***“Know before you go”***. Caltrans is asking the public’s help by avoiding the construction zone on the I-15 during the weekends in October. A 40% diversion is needed to minimize travel delays.

The Devore 2 project will replace damaged concrete pavement primarily in the outside lanes and reconstruct bridge approach slabs between Sierra Avenue and Cleghorn Creek Bridge on I-15. It will also add a three-mile truck-climbing lane (for trucks and slower vehicles) on northbound I-15 beginning at the I-15/I-215 interchange. Asphalt concrete paving will also be performed along the freeway shoulders and the on and off-ramps at three different interchanges. The project also includes drainage improvements and guardrail upgrades. Motorists will enjoy an improved operational efficiency and provide a smoother ride when complete. The \$26 million state-funded project is expected to be finished in early 2007.

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